AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A clip, comprising: opposed clipping arms

a first clipping arm and a second clipping arm capable of forming an independent, separate space by pressing and holding there between therebetween a clipped object constituted of a flexible hollow member, thereby forming an independent, separate space in the clipped object,

a latching [[means,]] <u>portion having a male member</u> disposed on [[one]] <u>a first</u> end of one of the opposed elipping arms the first clipping arm, which has a latching part and a female member to engage with the male member, the female member being disposed on the first end of the second clipping arm eapable of latching the elipping arms which are pressing and holding the elipped object there between, and

a latching releasing means releaser connected to either the male member or the female member to which latching releasing force is applied in an [[open]] outward direction of the opposed clipping arms, to release engagement between the male member and the female member, wherein the latching means has a supporting point part that acts as the latching releasing force to the latching part in a latching releasing direction

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wherein the male member or the female member is disposed on a tip end of an elastic member having a supporting point so that the male member or the female member is movable to a disengaged position to release the latching portion.

- 2-4. (Cancelled).
- 5. (Currently amended) The clip according to claim 1, wherein the latching releasing means releaser and the latching [[means]] portion are integrally molded.
- 6. (Currently amended) The clip according to claim 5, wherein the latching releasing means releaser, the latching [[means]] portion and the opposed first and the second clipping arms are integrally molded.
- 7. (Currently amended) The clip according to claim 1, wherein the latching releasing means releaser is a band shape band shaped elastic piece whose tip end is bound to elastic piece elastic member of the latching means.
- 8. (Currently amended) The clip according to claim 7, wherein the latching releasing means releaser is comprised of a pull-tab integrally molded with the band shaped elastic piece bound to the elastic piece elastic member of the latching means.

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- 9. (Currently amended) The clip according to claim 1, wherein the latching releasing means releaser is comprised of a thread-like article or a thread-like article bound to an elastic piece of the latching means latching portion.
- 10. (Currently amended) The clip according to claim 1, which has a structure wherein the other end of the one of the opposed clipping arms on which the latching means is formed is bound by an axis in an oscillating way the first clipping arm and the second clipping arm are pivotally connected at a second end.
- 11. (Currently amended) The clip according to claim 1, which has a structure wherein the opposed clipping arms, on which the latching means is formed is bound first clipping arm and the second clipping arm are pivotally connected by a hinge portion integrally molded with the one of the clipping arms at least one of the first clipping arm or the second clipping arm at the second end and formed on the other end, opposite the side where the latching means is formed, in an oscillating way.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The clip according to claim 1, wherein at least the opposed elipping arms is first clipping arm and the second clipping arm are comprised of a resin made by mixing a glass fiber into a polyoxymethylene resin.